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1. From 3 May 49 until 26 Aug 49, the 48th Inf Regt conducted summer training in the Boletice summer training and maneuver area [See Enclosures (4) & (5)]. During the entire summer training period from 3 May to 26 Aug 49, the training schedule for the 48th Inf Regt was approximately as follows:

- 0500 - reveille
- 0510-0530 - calisthenics
- 0530-0550 - washing, cleanup
- 0600-0615 - breakfast
- 0615-0630 - preparation for training
- 0630-1230 - the infantry company; organization of positions, conduct of defense, etc
- 1215-1315 - lunch
- 1315-1345 - rest period
- 1345-1600 - formations, drill, etc
- 1600-1700 - cleaning weapons
- 1700-1900 - group activities, sport, singing, etc
- 1900-1930 - supper
- 1930-2045 - political indoctrination
- 2045-2115 - free time
- 2115-2140 - roll call
- 2140-2155 - compulsory marching and singing
- 2200 - taps

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2. At the end of summer training there was a maneuver at divisional level. The maneuver, which included all of the 1st Inf Div, lasted from 17-21 Aug 49 and was conducted in the Boletrice training area. To recall, the following elements of the 1st Div took part in the maneuver:

48th Inf Regt

29th Inf Regt

1st Inf Regt

Arty Unit (exact designation and size unknown)

Div Rcn Co

SMG Co

3. The maneuver forces were split into two equal forces, the Blue (aggressor) Force on the west and the Red (defense) Force on the east. The maneuver was broken into the following phases:
- (a) Initially, Red Forces were on the defense and the Blue Forces attacked; then the Red Forces withdrew from their original positions under heavy pressure from the attackers;
 - (b) Red Forces launched small-scale counter-attacks during their withdrawal, finally consolidated their new positions, and on the fifth day launched a full-scale counter attack;
 - (c) The final phase of the maneuver was a critique for all officers of the division. The Divisional CG and observers from the CSR National Ministry of Defense stated that the maneuver showed that the division has reached a combat effectiveness of 80% of the goal.
4. Training deficiencies pointed out were as follows:
- (a) Insufficient and poorly organized communications at all levels: this criticism included poor equipment;
 - (b) For three days and nights the troops were improperly supplied with rations; ie, meals were at irregular times, and no one had anything to eat from early morning until midnight;
 - (c) Insufficiently trained officers and poor leadership because of the lack of experience of junior officers and other officers up to and including the rank of major.

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5. [redacted] no observers from Soviet or Satellite countries were present during the maneuver. At no time did the 1st Div use any territory outside the Boletrice training area, which covers 17 x 25 km. During my service with the 48th Inf Regt, as the CO of the 6th and 7th Cos, [redacted]

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- Enclosure (A): Summer Training Area, 48th Infantry Regiment,
1st Infantry Division, at Skelna Hut in the
Boletice Training and Maneuver Area
- Enclosure (B): Boletice Training and Maneuver Area, Summer 1949
- Enclosure (C): Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 48th Infantry
Regiment, in Pelhrimov, CSR

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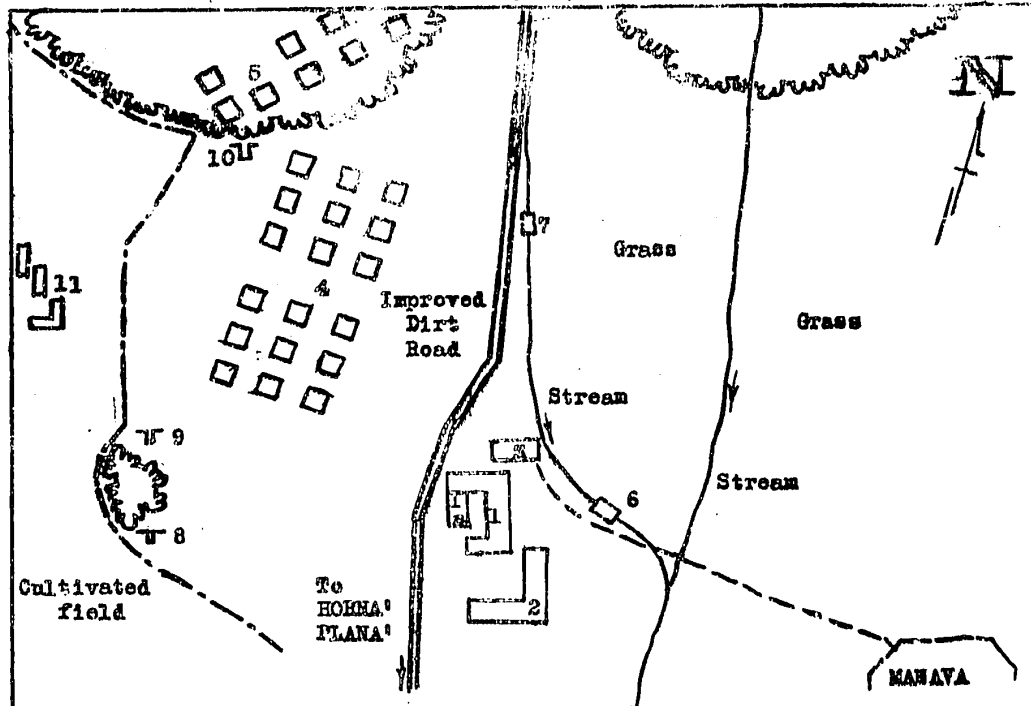
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Summer Training Area, 48th Inf Regt, 1st Inf Div,
at SKELHA HUT in the BOLETICE Training and Maneuver Area

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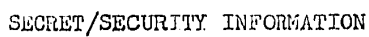
1. 48th Inf Regt headquarters, dispensary, and food supply warehouse; and
- 1a. Stables; rough stone structure
2. Billets for officers over 50 years of age (younger officers on doctor's recommendation); also snack bar, club rooms, and blacksmith shop; rough stone structure
3. Barn containing field kitchens for feeding officers and EM; rough stone structure
- 4 and 5. Tent camps for EM and officers. Four man tents, with wooden floors raised one foot off the ground. Tent camp 4, approximately 80 x 150 m in size, was located on a slight slope
- 6 and 7. Wooden troughs for washing along the stream
- 8, 9, and 10. Field latrines
11. Three farmyards

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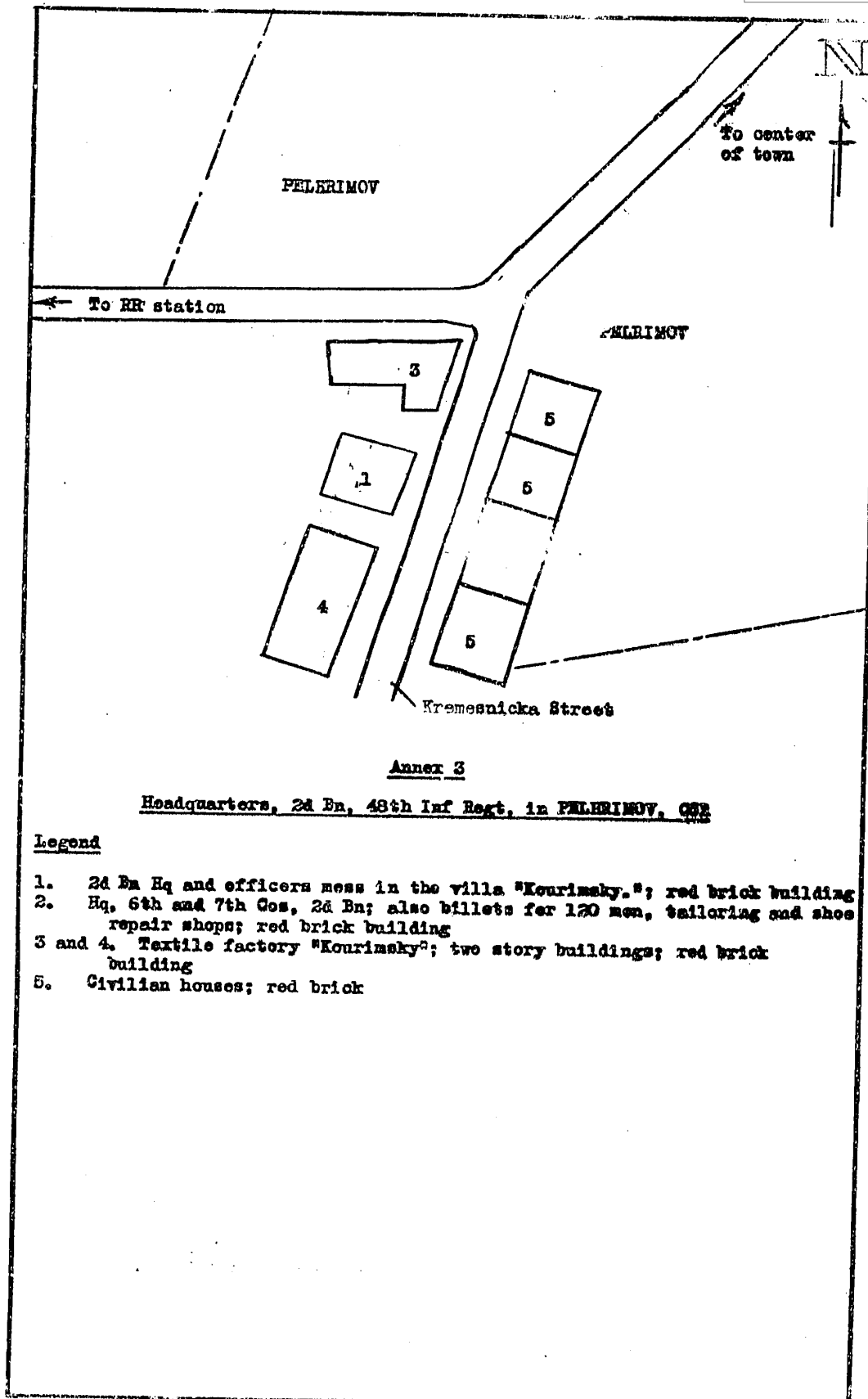
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1. 2d Bn Hq and officers mess in the villa "Kourimsky."; red brick building
2. Hq. 6th and 7th Cos, 2d Bn; also billets for 120 men, tailoring and shoe repair shops; red brick building
- 3 and 4. Textile factory "Kourimsky"; two story buildings; red brick building
5. Civilian houses; red brick

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